

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2002-612

VERIZON-MAINE  
Request for Approval of Rates for  
Daily Usage Files Service

December 5, 2002

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

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On September 20, 2002, Verizon-Maine submitted a filing which requested approval of rates for the provision of Daily Usage File (DUF) service. (See Virtual case file for Docket No. 2002-612 at <http://www.state.me.us/mpuc>) Verizon claims that the DUF was inadvertently left out of Verizon's TELRIC filings and there are currently no approved rates for DUF. Verizon requested expedited review and approval of the rate because it believes the cost study methodology used to derive the rate is the one the Commission approved in Docket No. 97-505, the Commission's TELRIC proceeding. Verizon proposed a November 1, 2002 effective date for the rates. Due to an administrative error, Verizon's filing was not properly docketed until late October.

We have considered whether the DUF filing should be added to Verizon's Wholesale Tariff filing (Docket No. 2002-682) but we have determined that we will treat the DUF filing separately and proceed with its review. Thus, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 310, we intend to review and investigate Verizon's proposed rates and to solicit input from CLECs and other interested persons

Any person interested in intervening in this proceeding must file a brief letter with Dennis Keschl, Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 242 State Street, Station #18, Augusta, ME 04333 by **December 20, 2002**, indicating the party's name, address, phone number, fax number and e-mail address. The letter should specify the basis for the party's interest and participation in this proceeding.

In order to facilitate our review, Verizon should file prefiled testimony or a similar document explaining how the DUF rates were calculated and how the cost methodology complies with the Commission's orders in Docket No. 97-505. Verizon's filing is due **January 10, 2003**. A case conference will be held via conference call on **January 23, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.** The dial-in number will be (305) 503-1853, PIN 969.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

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